

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER


Executive Decision Reference Number – L28 24/25

Decision	
1	Title of decision: A38 Manadon Interchange Survey Funding
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Sally Farley, Strategic Transport Manager Tel. 01752 307652 Email. sally.farley@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: It is recommended that the Leader of the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the business case • Allocates £2,457,838 to the Capital Programme, funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DfT Grant Funding of £2,457,838 • Delegates Contract Award decisions to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure where they do not already have authority to do so
5	Reasons for decision: This request is for £2,457,838 to be placed on the capital programme in order to undertake essential surveys at Manadon and along the A38. The £2,457,838 requested is to be funded from monies already identified for the surveys but not yet on the capital programme, namely ring-fenced DfT grant funding for 2024/25. In addition, there is a three-month lead in period to book road space and the surveys are seasonally sensitive. Enabling the surveys to progress will avoid delaying the scheme and mitigate the risk of not being able to submit the business case to the Department for Transport in a timely manner and inflationary pressures. Contract award will be undertaken via a delegated decision by the Service Director of Strategic Planning and Infrastructure (SP&I), who will also have oversight of the spending of the funding requested.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Not to place £2,457,838 of funding on the capital programme. Rejected as this would mean that time critical surveys would not go ahead.
7	Financial Implications and Risks: A business case was approved in December 2019 through Executive Decision L27 19/20 to place the co-development funding £2.82m (£1.89m DfT and £0.93m PCC) onto the capital programme and to proceed to OBC submission for the A38 Manadon Interchange Scheme.

	<p>An additional £200,000 was released through S151 officer decision and £800,000 of funding was approved through Executive Decision L44 21/22 to allow the Scheme to continue.</p> <p>£1,224,000 was approved in 2022/23 through Executive Decision L33 22/23.</p> <p>This options to place £2,457,838 on the capital programme will enable the time critical surveys to go ahead and avoid losing ring-fenced DfT funding and prevent a significant delay.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			X	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			X	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		X	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.	
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>	N/A		
9	<p>Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:</p>	<p>The A38 Manadon Interchange currently experiences significant congestion and delays, particularly at peak times, and is one of the worst performing junctions on the South West Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>The Interchange therefore acts as a significant constraint on development and the bringing forward of new jobs and homes within the city, particularly on the Northern Corridor and City Centre.</p> <p>As well as delays, journey times are unreliable, making it difficult for people to attend appointments in time at Derriford Hospital.</p> <p>Alongside road capacity enhancements, the scheme will provide significant improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure where currently there is no ability for cyclists to cross the A38 at subway level without dismounting.</p> <p>It will also address queueing on the A38 on the approaches to the Manadon junction to reduce the risk of serious accidents on the Parkway and more localised safety measures.</p>		
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>The A38 Manadon Interchange scheme would incorporate high-quality infrastructure for walking and cycling including a new cycle bridge over the A38, which will provide a step-change in facilities.</p> <p>The scheme would reduce journey times for buses on the major bus corridor linking the City Centre to northern Plymouth and will reduce carbon emissions from vehicle transport.</p>		

		<p>Environmental enhancements are included as an integral part of the scheme, through opening up of areas of greenspace, and providing extensive landscaping and tree-planting.</p> <p>The drainage works would incorporate measures to provide improved resilience to the risk of flooding.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
I1	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	x	(If no, go to section I3a)
I2a	Reason for urgency:			
I2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	
		No		(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	<p>Councillor Mark Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure</p> <p>Councillor Mark Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	7.11.2024		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	X	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Karime Hassan	
		Job title	Interim Strategic Director for Growth	
		Date consulted	07/11/2024	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS84 24/25	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.140	

		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/2/AC/18/12/24						
		Human Resources (if applicable)							
		Corporate property (if applicable)							
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A						
Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Business Case (Part I)							
	B	Equality Impact Assessment							
	C	Climate Impact Assessment							
Confidential/exempt information									
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?		Yes	x	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No							
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Capital Investment Business Case Ground Investigation Surveys Business Case – Part 2				x				
Background Papers									
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.								
Title of background paper(s)			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Cabinet Member Signature			
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.		
Signature		Date of decision	8 January 2025
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council		